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INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION COURSE NO. 8 (JOTP)

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S COMMENTS

1. There were 25 students in Intelligence Production Course No. 8 (JOT Class of July 1963), the largest number of students ever enrolled in this course. Instruction began on 28 October 1963 and ended on 10 January 1964, a total of 11 weeks including Christmas vacation.

2. Not only was this the largest IPC class in the course's history, it was also the first to be affected significantly by an OTR move. We prefer the IPC classes to be small enough so that we can get well enough acquainted with each student to be able to evaluate their potential properly and so that we can have more seminar discussions. However, we feel that the large size of this class was not a major handicap. Despite the reduction in student-faculty contact and the uncertainties that resulted from the OTR move from Headquarters to Broyhill, the students adjusted to the situation and were understanding of the problems which resulted. Although this course followed much the same plan as IPC No. 7, there seemed to be a feeling of less unity between the parts of the course because of the shifts from room to room and building to building.

3. The next IPC will have to use Broyhill as its base of operations, and for this reason it may be necessary to further reduce the number of visits to various elements of the Agency and of the USIB. It would be desirable to substitute readings, if these were available or if the faculty had time to write them, followed by faculty lecture and group discussion.

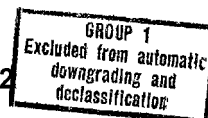
4. Despite loud student protests in IPC No. 7 against the examinations given at the end of each segment of the course, we have continued this practice, supplemented in most cases by immediate discussion of answers to the examination questions. In contrast to classes before IPC No. 7, which complained about unnecessary duplication because they had heard a talk about the same DD/I office in both the Orientation phase and the IPC phase, there were again no complaints about unnecessary duplication in this class. In fact, a few students complained that they didn't know enough to answer some of the basic questions about some offices they had just studied.

5. This class was also the first to be told, shortly before Christmas, that desirable jobs for JOTs were relatively scarce because of President Johnson's economy order. Although this affected the morale of a few students for a day or two, its effect wore off as the students made informal contacts for jobs. One desirable side-effect was that several students, who had been underperformers in some elements of the course, decided to improve their performance.

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6. In terms of performance this class was an average one for IPC groups. This is reflected in the fact that in the overall grades 17 of the 25 were given a rating of P. This group was unusual in that about five of the JOTs were strongly interested in jobs in the Economic Research Area of ORR. The last class had two JOTs who took jobs in the ERA--the first IPC JOTs to enter this area.

7. The major instructional work in IPC No. 8 was done by members of

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